

### **REMARKS**

By the present Amendment, claims 1-3 have been cancelled in favor of new claims 4-6.

New claim 4 recites the air jetting means being mounted at the front end of the body frame and having a ring-shaped nozzle having nozzle holes arranged at a fixed pitch toward the circumferential direction of the ring-shaped nozzle (page 5, lines 12-15 of the specification). Neither the Demetrius et al. nor the Govindan reference discloses air jetting means having a ring-shaped nozzle having nozzle holes arranged at a fixed pitch toward the circumferential direction of the ring-shaped nozzle.


New dependent claim 5 depends on claim 4 and recites a bar prehension part extending along and rearward of the lever operating member. New dependent claim 6 depends on claim 5 and recites an air intake for the air ventilation path, the air intake being positioned rearward of the bar prehension part. As a result of these features, the hose for feeding compressed air does not hang between the lever operating member and the bar prehension part, thereby improving the operability of the spray gun. Neither the Demetrius et al. nor the Govindan reference discloses a bar prehension part extending along and rearward of the lever operating member and an air intake for a air ventilation path, the air intake being positioned rearward of the bar prehension part.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0562.

Respectfully submitted,

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